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The Polar Express™ Tickets Sold On-Line Starting October 1, 2013

Peninsula, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) has released October 1st as the date that the popular Polar Express™ tickets will be sold to the general public for the 2013 season. Tickets will be sold through the railroad's website at www.CVSR.com starting at 12 a.m. The Polar Express™ will be offered from November 15 through December 20, 2013 from the Rockside Station in Independence and the Akron Northside Station.

This holiday program is based on Chris Van Allsburg's Caldecott-winning book and Warner Bros. motion picture, *The Polar Express*™, where a young boy's trip to the North Pole revives his belief in the Christmas spirit.

Tickets for this enjoyable event will be \$43 for everyone ages 1 and up for standard seating and \$57 - \$77 for an upgraded ticket (available on select nights). Due to demand, CVSR is releasing more tickets this year than in the past.

"CVSR looks forward to another exciting season of the Polar Express™. It's all about creating happy memories for area families – that is what makes this so rewarding for all the volunteers and staff who put this program together," commented Craig Tallman, President and CEO of the railroad.

Trips depart nightly at 7 p.m. and return at 9 p.m. – with the addition of two new matinee times which will be 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on December 14 & 2 p.m. on December 15th only. Trains depart the station, traveling through Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) all the way to the North Pole and back during the 2-hour journey.

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The Polar Express™ is offered through a license agreement with Rail Events, Inc. It has been an on-going tradition for families across Northeast Ohio for over 18 years.

Additionally, CVSR will be collecting winter clothing for local charities at the Rockside Station and Akron Northside Station during the Polar Express™ Season. Polar Express™ train riders can make a difference in the lives of others by bringing new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to the station the night of their program. These items will then be given to local charities to assist those who may need a little help and warmth this holiday season. Charities wishes to participate in the program can contact the railroad at cvsr@cvsr.com.

CVSR is a private sector, not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR celebrated its 40th anniversary of providing excursion rail service in 2012. For more information about the railroad, visit www.CVSR.com.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/.

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